

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Andrew (Andy) Baer and Ruth Feickert exchanged their wedding vows on May 23, 1951, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

*Whereas*, The newlywed couple of 60 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

*Whereas*, Andy and Ruth were blessed with eight children, Bill, Larry (Smoke), Dale (Moe), Mike, Bob, Sherry, Ruth Ann, and Joy, and now have sixteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Andy and Ruth have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

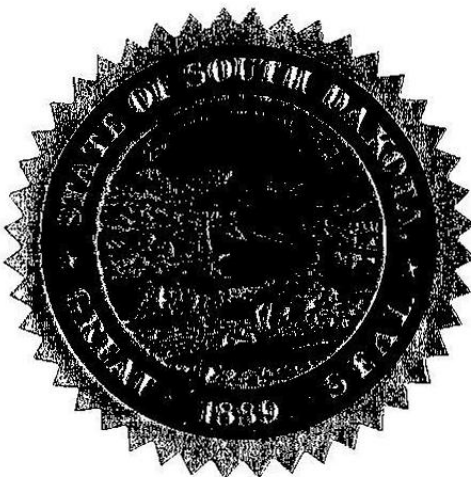
*Whereas*, Andy and Ruth will observe their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather to honor them on June 17-19, 2011, to celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this special occasion in the lives of these two people who have lived exemplary lives for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 23, 2011, as

### *ANDY AND RUTH BAER DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State